

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please **amend** the Abstract by substituting the following:

Q1 A waveform generating method is provided, which is capable of generating expressive musical tones. A plurality of partial waveforms are stored in a partial waveform memory. Property information on respective ones of the partial waveforms stored in the partial waveform memory is stored in a property information memory. The property information is retrieved according to inputted sounding control information in order to read out a partial waveform having property information corresponding to the sounding control information. The readout partial waveform is then processed according to the property information and the sounding control information to generate a waveform corresponding to the sounding control information.